



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

To: All High Schools and Education Service Centers

From: Office of School Transportation

Date: August 31, 2009

Subject: Driver's Education Programs

The Indiana Department of Education is participating in an evaluation of the curriculum for driver's education in the state in preparation for the Indiana legislature's study program on driver's education. I am asking for your assistance in obtaining a comprehensive list of school districts or education centers with driver education programs as part of this evaluation process.

I would appreciate it if your district and/or education service could respond to the IDOE by no later than September 15th with the following information related to driver's education. **Please send your responses to Michael LaRocco at mlarocco@doe.in.gov.**

District or Service Center Name:

- 1) Does your district provide driver's education either directly, or through another provider (Yes or No)?
- 2) If your answer to number one was yes, please list the school or provider, the name of the supervising teacher with an e-mail address if possible, and the schools covered. Those districts using an education center to provide driver's education need not respond to the remaining questions.
- 3) Does your program provide driver's education for credit?
- 4) Number of teachers teaching driver's education?
- 5) When do you provide instruction (before school day, during school day, after school day, weekends, summers and breaks)?
- 6) Cost of the program?
- 7) Do you participate in the driver test waiver program?
- 8) Average number of classes and students taught during a year?
- 9) How is your driver education car acquired (purchase, lease, donation, etc.)?
- 10) Is your program aware of the changes related to grading that now require a Pass or Fail designation on the learner's permit instead of a letter grade, based on an 80% passing rate in both the classroom and driving segments of the training?
- 11) What kind of assistance would you like to see from the Indiana Department of Education as it relates to driver's education?

12) What kind of recommendations do you have regarding curriculum, the GDL, and/or teenage drivers?